

Rejoice – Philippians 4:4

Objective: The word rejoice is seen many times throughout scripture. 9 times in the book that our theme verse is in, and 233 times throughout the whole Bible. Its not used so much in our everyday vernacular. We use synonyms such as celebrate. There's something that we can learn about the word rejoice that the Bible uses so often. We'll set out to learn the significance behind the word by seeing how it differs from the word joy. Why the big deal about rejoicing? When is it appropriate to rejoice? So on, and so forth. So, get your smile ready, and rejoice in this topic 😊

I. What does it mean to rejoice?

a. *Meaning of the word*

- i. Hebrew – Samach = glad, happiness, joy, merry, pleased, to rejoice arrogantly
- ii. Greek – chairō pronounced = glad, joyful
- iii. Action word/verb

b. *Compare & contrast with joy*

- i. Joy
 1. Noun
 2. Not always happy.
 - a. Proof is in James 1:2 – “count it all joy when you meet trials”
 - b. Heb 12:2 – “who for the joy set before Him endured the cross”

II. Why is rejoicing important?

a. *It's a heavenly activity*

- i. Zephaniah 3:17

b. *On earth as it is in heaven – Matt 6:10*

- i. Kingdom citizens ought to do kingdom things
 1. Phil 3:20 – Our citizenship is in heaven

c. *It's a command – Phil 4:4*

- i. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice.
 - ii. Grammar lesson #1

III. Who does this rejoicing principle apply to?

a. *Angels*

b. *God*

c. *Us*

d. *Grammar lesson #2*

- i. Prepositional phrases denote relationship. They also modify/bring clarity
 1. Servants of Christ Jesus – Phil 1:1
 2. “To you” and “from God our Father” – Phil 1:2
 3. “In the Lord” – Phil 4:4

IV. When do we rejoice?

- a. *Always – Phil 4:4*
 - i. Note that it's a command, meaning we don't have a choice in the matter
 - ii. Don't forget its **in the Lord** –
- b. *When a sinner repents – Luke 15*
- c. *When He sees our affliction – Psalm 31:7*
- d. *Many other times*

V. Where do followers of the Lord rejoice?

- a. *In the heavens*
 - i. Refer to aforementioned passages in Luke 15 and Zeph 3:17
- b. *On earth*
 - i. Refer to what we talked about regarding Lord's prayer in Matt 6

VI. How to apply this into my life?

- a. *Petition God for help in this area*
 - i. He'll favorably respond, because its His will that we rejoice
- b. *We have to be Holy Spirit filled – Ephesians 5:18*
- c. *Reflect on where you were headed in life, prior to encountering The King*
- d. *Reflect on the many ways He blesses you*
 - i. Socially
 - ii. Physically
 - iii. Financially